



**Media Statement – Update on outbreak at McConachie Gardens Retirement Residence –
Edmonton**

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Since Alberta Health declared an outbreak of COVID-19 at McConachie Gardens Retirement Residence on December 1, we have received confirmation that 35 residents and 12 staff tested positive for COVID-19. To date, 24 residents and 10 staff members have recovered. We regret to confirm that we have had five residents pass away with COVID-19 during the outbreak. The team at McConachie Gardens offers its most sincere condolences to the families and friends of the residents who passed away during the pandemic.

We continue to work closely with Alberta Public Health officials and are following our pandemic outbreak protocols and infection control practices. Residents are isolated in their rooms and monitored for symptoms twice daily. All staff are screened at the beginning and end of their shifts and are required to wear a surgical mask and eye protection in the residence at all times.

We are doing enhanced cleaning at McConachie Gardens, disinfecting high touch surfaces like handrails and doors, resident rooms, common areas and staff rooms frequently.

To promote physical distancing, residents are being served meals in their rooms. Group recreation programming has been replaced by one-on-one activities with residents for social engagement.

We have informed residents, their families and the staff of the status of the outbreak. At the direction of Alberta Health, visits by designated family/support persons are allowed. We appreciate the patience and understanding of our residents and their families as we take these precautions.

Revera continues to do everything we can to keep our residents and employees safe as we work to prevent the spread of COVID-19 at our retirement residences and long term care homes.